

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wehrbein, all of these projections that we've been dealing with as far as the expenditures are certainly real and we know they're there. Let's go on the other side. All of the income is based on projections, isn't that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: If those projections, in fact, would be down, then what happens? We have a deficit appropriation in order to make up or could you tell me what happens if, in fact, the economy would slip a little and we don't have the income that we're anticipating?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, there would have to be some cutting somewhere, some we would have some leeway to cut, others we would not. In other words, some entitlements would be subject to a deficit appropriation or deficit, others we would have to make the cuts.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Now I will say we have built into our budget the decline in the forecast already. That is in there now because we had originally had 30 million allocated for A bills or that area or in reserve and now it's cut to 17 so we have calculated that into the status at this point.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, thank you. Obviously everybody that knows me on this floor knows that I'm not in favor of cutting the state colleges' budget. All the state colleges that I'm aware of have had an increase in growth and for you to take money out of their budget it's going to make it more difficult for them to operate. I'm not going to address the University of Nebraska. I know that they're probably going to get what they ask for so it really probably is a moot issue. I just want to let you know that I feel like I have a right to say something because in reading the paper I was criticized by one of the senators for being what was the word? Anyway, pardon, no, no. At any rate we were criticized for supporting the bill that